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Thursday, June 7

8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 Welcome and Introduction

Overview of Day One

Alan M. Glen, Esq., Program Co-Chair*Smith, Robertson, Elliott, Glen, Klein & Bell, Austin***9:15 NEPA Overview**

NEPA from 10,000 Feet

Alan M. Glen, Esq., Program Co-Chair

10:00 Morning Break

10:15 Keynote Presentation

CEQ and NEPA Trends

Horst G. Greczmiel, Director, NEPA Task Force*Council on Environmental Quality, Washington, DC***11:15 NEPA in the Courts**

Overview and Update

James W. "Skip" Spensley, Esq.*Spensley & Associates, Denver*

12:00 Q&A Panel

Members of the Faculty

12:15 Lunch Break

1:30 Cumulative and Indirect Effects

Practical Analysis

Jack F. Gilbert, Esq., Attorney-Advisor*Federal Highway Administration, Austin***2:15 The Need for an Environmental Impact Statement**

When Is an Environmental Assessment Not Enough?

Debbie Taylor, Director of Environmental Planning*HTNB, Houston*

3:00 Afternoon Break

3:15 Defining Purpose and Need

Setting the Stage for Alternatives Development

Tom Haislip, Vice President and**Senior Project Manager***CH2M HILL, Austin***4:00 Ethics**

Considerations for the Environmental Professional

Justin S. Tade, Esq., Attorney-Advisor**Southwest Regional Solicitor's Office***U.S. Department of the Interior, Albuquerque*

5:00 Q&A Panel

Members of the Faculty

5:15 Adjourn

Friday, June 8

8:30 Continental Breakfast

9:00 Welcome Back

Overview of Day Two

Craig M. Douglas, Esq., Program Co-Chair*Smith, Robertson, Elliott, Glen, Klein & Bell, Austin***9:15 NEPA and the Endangered Species Act**

Do Endangered Species Have To Comply With NEPA To Survive?

Lee Sherrod, Principal and Consulting Biologist*Horizon Environmental Services, Austin*

10:00 Morning Break

10:15 NEPA in the Clean Water Act 404 Program

Navigating the Slippery Slope

Angela G. Bulger, Senior Scientist**Ecology & Planning Division***PBS&J, Austin***11:00 NEPA in Transportation Projects**

Dealing with Challenges

Michael J. Weaver, Principal*Prime Strategies, Austin*

11:45 Lunch Break

1:15 NEPA in Mining

Private Versus Public Land Issues and Questions

James A. Tress, Jr., Principal*WestLand Resources, Tuscon***2:00 NEPA in Water Resource Projects**

What You Need to Know

Steven W. Carothers, Ph.D.**Aquatic and Terrestrial Biologist***SWCA Environmental Consultants, Austin*

2:45 Afternoon Break

3:00 Living with NEPA

Lessons Learned in the Field

Lee Sherrod, Principal and Consulting Biologist**Angela G. Bulger, Senior Scientist****Ecology & Planning Division****Michael J. Weaver, Principal****James A. Tress, Jr., Principal****Steven W. Carothers, Ph.D.****Aquatic and Terrestrial Biologist****Moderator: Craig M. Douglas, Esq., Program Co-Chair**

4:30 Evaluations and Adjourn

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Program Co-Chairs

Craig M. Douglas focuses his environmental practice on regulation and litigation regarding land and natural resource use activities, including land development, resource extraction, transportation, agricultural and ranching operations, and water rights. He successfully represents both public and private entities in NEPA processes.

Alan M. Glen has extensive experience representing both public and private entities in NEPA processes. He is also recognized as a leading expert on the Endangered Species Act and its interactions with other federal laws, including NEPA and the Clean Water Act. He is a frequent speaker and writer on these topics.

Keynote Presenter

Horst G. Greczmiel is responsible for overseeing and implementing the NEPA and CEQ mandates to ensure that federal agencies integrate environmental values into decision-making. Prior to joining CEQ, he worked in the Office of Environmental Law at Coast Guard Headquarters and was responsible for policy development and litigation involving environmental planning compliance responsibilities under NEPA, the ESA and the National Historic Preservation Act.

Angela G. Bulger has been involved in the preparation and management of a number of NEPA documents, including several for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers related to Section 404 issues. These documents include assessments of projects proposed for navigation improvements or modification, ecosystem restoration, container facility construction and water supply.

Steven W. Carothers is the founder of his firm. He is an aquatic and terrestrial biologist with over 30 years' experience in ecological research, environmental planning, ESA and NEPA compliance, and resource management. He currently serves as a senior scientist and principal-in-charge on large multidisciplinary projects for SWCA.

Jack F. Gilbert has been involved in environmental law and litigation for more than 20 years and has been in his current position the past two years. Based in Austin, Texas, he has been directly involved in assisting Texas and other states in their NEPA processes and in defending legal challenges to transportation projects. Prior to this, he was with the Transportation Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office for six years where he handled numerous NEPA and other environmental lawsuits.

Tom Haislip is a wildlife biologist and specializes in NEPA compliance. He has more than 30 years of experience directing environmentally sensitive projects and has successfully managed more than 35 Environmental Assessments and EISs. He focuses on large, complex EISs including strategizing with clients and engineers on the development of alternatives and accompanying purpose and need statements.

Lee Sherrod specializes in endangered species, terrestrial and wetland ecology, and environmental assessments. He has 25 years of experience in these fields and has been qualified as an expert witness in federal court proceedings regarding wetlands and endangered species.

James W. "Skip" Spensley has been an environmental attorney for over 25 years, and is a nationally known expert on NEPA. He worked with the CEQ in the 1970s, and was a consultant to the U.S. EPA during its early years. He is an adjunct professor and has taught at the University of Colorado and the University of Denver School of Law.

Justin S. Tade focuses on the ESA and National Wildlife Refuge issues, representing Region 2 of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which includes Texas, Arizona and New Mexico. He also works with the Mexican Gray Wolf Program.

Debbie Taylor has more than 20 years of experience in transportation planning, including 13 years with the Department of Transportation in Houston. She is responsible for the management of environmental planning and serves as a specialist for document preparation and review, public involvement and resource agency coordination.

James A. Tress, Jr., has over 20 years of experience with environmental issues, including the development and implementation of mitigation and restoration planning for riparian, wetland, desert, and mountain habitats. He specializes in the technical and procedural requirements necessary for compliance with the Clean Water Act, ESA, and NEPA regulatory program requirements.

Michael J. Weaver represents both regulatory agencies and landowners in the development of administrative rules and regulations, ordinances, and special district legislation/creation. His firm provides direction and assistance on legislative issues and administrative policies affecting the transportation industry, and he has particular expertise in infrastructure financing mechanisms.

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